GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Irrigation & CAD Department - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri M. Jayachandra, Assistant Executive Engineer, along with others for the irregularities in the execution of works of Yogivemana Reservoir Project (Maddileru) – case entrusted to the COI-Inquiry report submitted - Sri M. Jayachandra, Assistant Executive Engineer expired – Further action abated subject to recovery – orders - Issued.

IRRIGATION & CAD (SER.X-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 87 Dated:12-06-2012 Read the following:

- 1. From the CE, Medium Irrigation, Lr.No. DCE3/OT-M2/AEE-3/2341/96-Vol.VI, dt. 11.09.2004 and 24.09.2004
- 2. G.O.Rt.No.1408, I & CAD(Ser.x.1) Dept., dt. 29.9.2005.
- 3. WSSD of the charged officer, dt. 17.10.2005
- 4. G.O.Rt.No.947, I & CAD(Ser.x.1) Dept., dt. 26.6.2006
- 5. Govt.Memo.No.24985/SerX.1/2004- 16, Dated: 26-06-2006
- 6. G.O.Rt.No.541, I & CAD(Ser.x.1) Dept., dt. 28.4.2008
- 7. From the COI, D.O.Lr.No.669/COI-CK/A5/2008,dt.25.8.2008
- 8. Govt.Memo.No.24985/SerX.1/2004- 21, Dated: 24.09.2008
- 9. From the ENC(AW) Hyderabad, Lr.No. Rc.ENC/S1(4)/ 37314/ 2004, dt. 19.02.2009.
- 10. From Smt. Nirmala W/o late M. Jayachandra, reprn. Dt. Nil.
- 11. From the SE, IC, Anantapur, Lr.No.Camp/1, dt. 11.04.2012
- 12. Govt.Memo.No.24985/SerX.1/2004- 38, Dated:6.6.2012
- 13. From the SE, IC, Anantapur, Lr.No.1005 M, Dt. 7.6.2012

ORDER:

It was earlier brought to the notice of the Government that certain irregularities took place in the execution of Yogi Vemana Reservoir Project, Anantapur (Maddileru). It was reported that excessive seepage was occurring in the Drainage Gallery of the Spill way, and that the Bucket portion got damaged due to poor quality construction. To look into these issues, Government constituted an Expert committee in G.O.Rt.No.58, I&CAD (PW.NAB) Dept., dt.4.2.2002, The committee furnished its report, making certain recommendations. Based on these recommendations, the Chief Engineer, Medium Irrigation initiated rectificatory action, and also submitted the list of officers responsible for the deficiencies pointed out by the Expert Committee.

And whereas Government initiated disciplinary action against all the officers found responsible for the irregularities, duly serving Articles of Charges against them, inclusive of Sri M. Jayachandra, Assistant Executive Engineer.

After careful examination of the WSSDs of the Charged Officers, the case was entrusted to the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry in respect of the charges framed against the officers found responsible for the irregularities, inclusive of Sri M. Jayachandra, Assistant Executive Engineer, vide reference 4th & 6th read above.

In the reference 7th read above, the COI furnished her Inquiry Report, stating that the suspicion of the Expert Committee, that defective concrete work was done and efforts were made later to cover up the defective concrete work, were confirmed,. COI has also observed that part of the work had to be reconstructed with additional budget released for this purpose, and thus there was a definite financial loss caused to Government, and that the involvement of so many engineers in this kind of work indicates towards a conspiracy for personal gain. It was *inter alia* stated by the COI that all the charges framed against Sri M. Jayachandra, AEE were proved.

In the reference 8th read above, the inquiry report was communicated to Sri. M. Jayachandra, Assistant Executive Engineer amongst others, with a direction to submit their representations if any on the findings of the inquiry officer.

In the reference 9th read above, the Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing), I & CAD Department, Hyderabad informed that the charged officer, Sri M. Jayachandra, Assistant Executive Engineer expired on 10.07.2007, and the same was brought to the notice of the COI, vide letter dt. 12.09.2008. He also stated that Smt. M. NIrmala W/o late Jayachandra, AEE requested to waive the charges pending against her deceased husband, and to release the family pension and other benefits.

Be as it may, Government after detailed examination of the inquiry report along with the representations of the other charged officers, decided to recover the loss caused to Government by way of additional expenditure spent on the rectificatory works of the Spillway of YVR Project, from all the officers found responsible for the irregularities, independent of the disciplinary action. The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Anantapur was accordingly directed to identify the engineers at all levels responsible for the defective work, in order to apportion the additional expenditure incurred for the reconstruction of the Bucket portion, i.e. the loss of Rs. 1,81,76,993 /- caused to Government. In the reference 11th read above, the Superintending Engineer, IC, Ananatapur submitted a detailed report along with the officers involved in Stage – 1 work of spillway of YVR Project.

Government after detailed examination of the report submitted by the Superintending Engineer, IC, Anantapur has decided to recover the entire loss amount of Rs.1,81,76,993/- from the officers involved in Stage-1 work in the proportion described below, and directed the Superintending Engineer, IC, to apportion the entire amount among the officers involved in the Stage-1 work accordingly.

Construction staff			QC Staff		
AE/AEE Dy.EE EE SE	: : :	36% 22% 12% 5%	AE/AEE Dy.EE	: :	15% 10%
Total		75%	Total		25%

In the reference 13th read above, the Superintending Engineer, IC, Anantapur has submitted a report, apportioning the amount among the officers involved in Stage-1 work of spillway YVR Project, Mudigubba mandal, Anantapur district, and proposed to recover an amount of Rs. 13,32,911/- towards the share of Late M. Jayachandra, the then AEE from amongst the entire amount of Rs.1,81,76,998/-, which was the loss caused to Govt. by way of amount spent on the reconstruction of bucket portion falls under Stage-1 work of spillway of YVR Project, Mudigubba (M).

Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided and hereby order to abate further action against late M. Jayachandra, the then AEE, and to recover an amount of Rs. 13,32,911/- (Rupees thirteen lakhs thirty two thousand nine hundred and eleven only) from his pensionary benefits towards his share from amongst the entire amount of Rs.1,81,76,998/-, which was the loss caused to Government by way of amount spent on the reconstruction of Bucket portion of Stage-1 work of the Spillway of YVR Project, Mudigubba (M), Anantapur district, and to release the balance pensionary benefits to his wife.

The Engineer-In-Chief (Administration Wing), I & CAD Department, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAILENDRA KUMAR JOSHI PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer- In Chief (Admn.Wing),
I & CAD Department, Hyderabad
Smt. M. NIrmala W/o late M. Jayachandra, AEE
through the ENC(AW) Hyderabad.
Copy to:
The Accountant General,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
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//FORWARDED: : BY ORDER//